

# European Sled Dog Racing Association

## Invitation

### European Championships 2003

### Sprint & Mid-Distance

### Iisalmi - Nurmes / Finland

March 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>



#### GENERAL:

1. Separate racing sites for pulka / skjoring and nome style classes.
2. Entries via the national ESDRA member federations only (on the official entry forms).

#### CATEGORIES AND DISTANCES:

##### Nome style:

unlimited class sprint	20 km
8 dog class sprint	16 km
6 dog class sprint	12 km
4 dog class sprint	9 km
4 dog junior class	9 km
unlimited class mid-dist.	55 km
limited class mid-dist.	55 km

##### Pulka style:

men one dog	12 km
women one dog	10 km
men juniors	12 km
women juniors	10 km
men unlimited	24 km
women unlimited	20 km
relay	3x 5 km

##### Skijoring:

men one dog	12 km
women one dog	10 km
men two dog	12 km
women two dog	10 km
relay	3x 5 km

All classes are open for a limited number of teams from countries not represented in ESDRA. Those teams will not be granted EC titles. Special awarding for registered nordic breed teams is foreseen.

#### INFORMATION AND ROOM RESERVATION:

General information:

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General information and information if the ECs will be held may be obtained via the ESDRA homepage <http://www.esdra.net/> or the VUL homepage: [www.vul.fi/em2003](http://www.vul.fi/em2003).

#### NOMINATIONS:

The nominations of qualified drivers shall be received by the ESDRA sports director on the official entry form on or before February 27<sup>th</sup> 16:00:

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Teams to be seeded and registered nordic breed teams shall be marked on the entry form. For contestants in junior classes a signed ESDRA Junior Waiver Form has to be submitted also.

**PARTICIPATION FEE:**

CHF 80,- for all nome style sprint classes, CHF 60,- for all pulka or skijoring style classes, CHF 100,- for a pulka or skijoring relay team, CHF 100,- for all mid-distance classes.

The participation fee shall be received, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2003 at the latest, at the ESDRA bank account at Zürcher Kantonalbank, CH-8712 Stäfa / Switzerland, account no. 1104-1283.035 (free of charge for the receiver).

According to a ESDRA Congress decision late nominations and / or payments (received after said date) will double the participation fee!

**RACE OFFICIALS:**

race marshal: Aad Hekkers  
chief judge: Christian Cleve Hansen

**RACE REGULATIONS:** ESDRA race rules & ESDRA regulations part IV chap. II

mandatory equipment in sprint classes:

- a second snow hook for the unlimited class and the 8 dog class;
- an adequate braking pad (drag) as per race rule 2.2.6 for all nome style classes.

mandatory equipment in mid-distance classes:

- a second snow hook for the unlimited class;
- an adequate braking pad (drag) as per race rule 2.2.6;
- a first aid kit for humans and animal-related emergencies;
- two sets of dog booties for each dog on the team (either carried on the sled or in use).

The 150% time disqualification rule shall apply.

Doping tests for drivers and dogs may be performed.

All dogs participating shall be marked with a microchip before their arrival at the race site and shall be listed on the chipping form.

It is strictly forbidden to let dogs run loose at the stake out- & parking area during the event.

All participating nations shall appoint one team leader for all nome style classes (sprint & mid-distance) and one team leader for the pulka and skijoring classes (part II, chap. B § 3.7). The team leaders shall be noted on the entry forms. Team leaders shall be present at the team leader meetings, in view of their liaison task between the race organizer and their team members.

**ANIMAL WELFARE:**

Participants shall fulfil the applicable requirements as per the ESDRA Sled Dog Care Guidelines and the recommendations issued by the Animal Welfare Committee.

**IMPORT OF DOGS INTO FINLAND:**

Information on the import of dogs into Finland can be achieved via the Finish embassies or on [www.vul.fi/em2003](http://www.vul.fi/em2003).

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